approved by the Ministry of Urban Development at an estimated cost of Rs. 689.28 lakhs. A total amount of Rs. 555.09 lakhs have been released as Central share till date. As per the information available with the Ministry of Urban Development, none of these schemes has been commissioned so far.

In addition, the Housing & Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) has sanctioned 15 water supply schemes in different towns of Assam at a total project cost of Rs. 127.3 corres. Rs. 86 crores is the loan commitment made by HUDCO, out of which Rs. 53.25 crores have already been released. Out of 15 water supply schemes sanctioned in different towns of Assam, two water supply schemes are for improvement of water supply in Guwahati city. These two schemes are estimated to cost Rs. 24.96 crores.

One drainage improvement scheme has also been sanctioned in Guwahati city at a total project cost of Rs. 105.46 crores by HUDCO having a loan amount of Rs. 67.06 crores.

(c) and (d) This Ministry has posed a water supply scheme for Greater Guwahati submitted by the Govt. of Assam at an estimated cost of Rs. 445 crores to the Deptt. of Economic Affairs for obtaining World Bank Assistance. Another proposal for the Storm Drainage Project at an estimated cost of Rs. 161 crores has been posed by this Ministry to the Deptt. of Economic Affairs for World Bank Assistance. The World Bank has regretted its inability to take up these schemes. The State Government was accordingly informed on 20.12.98.

Lack of Development Infrastructure in Sector 24, Rohini

624. **Shri Ghufran Azam:** Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that plot owners in Sector 24, Rohini are unable to build their plots in the absence of developmental infrastructure such as electricity, water, roads, sewer etc.;

(b) if so, the details of development works completed by DDA and other agencies, so far, in this sector; and

(c) the details of developmental works yet to be completed or taken up by DDA and other agencies in the aforesaid sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) to (c) DDA has reported that the services such as water, roads, sewerage etc. are available except in some pockets where minor works of internal roads and drains are in progress. The Delhi Vidyut Board has reported that there is a total of 26 pockets in Sector-24 out of which 8 are group housing pcokets are rest are plotted area pockets. Electrification in 2 pockets has since been completed and electric connections are already being given. In rest of the pockets, the work is in progress but there is very little occupation of flats by the allottees. Regarding plotted area pcokets, the Delhi Vidyut Board has commenced the work in 2 pockets. However, infrastructure is available near the plotted area pockets for grant of temporary connections for construction of buildings. As such plot owners in Sector-24 can start their construction activities without any loss of time. It has also been reported by the Delhi Vidyut Board that at present there is negligible construction activities in all the plotted pockets except in pockets 19 and 20 where Delhi Vidyut Board has already initiated the process of electrification in as much as its LT poles have already been installed. Similarly, Delhi Vidyut Board is in a position to initiate the process of electricfication in all the remaining pockets wherever the construction activity picks up since works orders for carrying out these works have been issued.

Permission for Basement in Sector-24, Rohini

625. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether basement is permissible for all plots measuring 32, 48 and 60 square meters in Sector 24, Rohini besides three complete floors as per Notifications dated 23rd July, and 25th September, 1998, adopted by DDA recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether revised standard drawings for construction of basement and three storeys are being issued by DDA for such plots; and